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1970-71

NOTE. The statistics contained in this publication have been compiled from reports of workers' compensation claims closed during the year ended 30 June 1971 in respect of accidents causing death or absence from work for one week or more.

The statistics therefore do not refer to all accidents actually occurring within the period. This should be clearly borne in mind if comparisons with earlier periods are attempted.

This publication has been prepared to provide figures which are comparable with those for other Australian States which do not compile statistics of industrial accidents involving absence from work for less than one week.

An earlier release, (W.12/72) Industrial Accidents (Series A) issued 24 January 1972, contains corresponding information in respect of industrial accidents causing death or absence from work for one day or more.

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## NOTES

The collection of information required for detailed analysis of industrial accidents occurring in Western Australia commenced on 1 July 1961. From that date all insurers and self-insurers have been required to submit a report to the Workers' Compensation Board in respect of each claim for workers' compensation as soon as the claim is closed. Only accidents coming within the scope of the Workers' Compensation Act are included in the statistics, which therefore exclude industrial accidents resulting in the death of or injury to self-employed persons and all Commonwealth Government employees. Compensation for employees of the Commonwealth Government is provided by the Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1971. As the statistics relate only to accidents, particulars of cases of industrial disease are excluded.

With few exceptions, an accident to an employee while travelling between his place of residence and place of employment was not compensable in Western Australia until 14 December 1964, when the Workers' Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1964 came into operation. From that date, the compensation provisions have been extended generally to include such cases. During the year ended 30 June 1971, 334 claims were reported closed in respect of 'journey' cases involving loss of work for one week or more. The total time lost was 2,253.6 weeks and the cost of claims amounted to \$150,805. Journey cases are not, however, included in the statistics which are intended to cover only those accidents occurring at the work site or in the course of the worker's normal duties.

For the purposes of the collection, each claim is regarded as a separate industrial accident and data are prepared from reports of claims closed during the year under review (in this instance, the year ended 30 June 1971). The item 'Cost of Claims' appearing in some of the tables refers to total payments made (principally in the form of compensation for loss of wages, medical expenses, and lump-sum settlements) in respect of claims closed during the year, and therefore does not necessarily represent amounts actually paid in that year. Similarly, 'Time Lost' refers to total time lost (i.e. from date of injury) in respect of claims closed during the year.

Classification according to industry group has been made on the basis of the 1966 Census Classification of Industries. In the tables on pages 4 to 12, the Industry Group or Sub-group is shown, in several cases, in an abbreviated form. The full title of each classification listed is as follows:

Primary production

Mining and quarrying

Manufacturing -

Manufacture relating to cement, bricks, glass and stone

Founding, engineering and metalworking

Manufacture, assembly and repair of ships, vehicles, parts and accessories

Manufacture of food, drink and tobacco

Sawmilling and manufacture of wood products (other than furniture)

Other manufacturing

Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services (production, supply and maintenance)

Building and construction

Transport, storage and communication

Finance and property

Commerce

Public authority (n.e.i.), community and business services (including professional) Amusement, hotels and other accommodation, cafes, personal service, etc.

Other industries, and industry inadequately described or not stated.

### NOTES (continued)

A more detailed description of Site of Injury than that appearing on pages 9, 10 and 13 is as follows:

- Head (excluding eyes)
- Eye
- Neck (including vertebral column)
- Trunk (excluding shoulder and vertebral column)
- Arm (including shoulder and wrist)
- Hand (excluding wrist; including fingers)
- Leg (including hip and ankle)
- Foot (including toes)
- Site unspecified
- Miscellaneous reactions.

The term 'Accident Factor' as used in some of the tables may be defined as 'that underlying agency, other than human failing, which appears to contribute most materially to an accident and which would be most likely to receive attention in preventing the occurrence of a similar accident'.

To enable comparison with industrial accident statistics of other Australian States, the scope of this publication has been restricted to include only compensated work injuries causing death or absence from work for ONE WEEK OR MORE. In this context a week is interpreted as a week of five working days. In respect of reopened claims, the additional time lost and additional costs are included in the tables but, to avoid duplication, such cases (of which there were 2,464 in 1970-71) have been excluded from the numbers of accidents shown.

The abbreviation 'n.e.i.', where it occurs in the tables, denotes 'not elsewhere included'.

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### ROUNDING OF FIGURES

Figures appearing in Tables 1 and 9 relating to the number of weeks lost have been rounded to the nearest whole week without making those adjustments which would be needed to make the rounded figures add to the rounded total. It is for this reason that figures do not always add to the totals shown in tables 1 and 9.

Percentages appearing in Tables 1 to 4 have been corrected to the first place of decimals without making those adjustments which would be necessary to make the percentages so expressed add to precisely 100.

## No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1970-71

## TOTAL PERSONS

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents			Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	Pro-portion of total						
			per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	1	927	6.0	4,375	4.7	215	304,371	304,586	328
Mining and quarrying	5	1,378	8.9	7,314	5.3	41,599	552,459	594,058	401
Total - Primary industry	6	2,305	14.8	11,688	5.1	41,814	856,830	898,644	372
Manufacturing -									
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	396	2.5	1,587	4.0	-	125,025	125,025	316
Engineering, etc.	-	1,536	9.9	6,128	4.0	-	497,850	497,850	324
Ships, vehicles, etc.	2	897	5.8	3,487	3.9	22,365	222,320	244,685	248
Food, drink, etc.	1	1,396	9.0	4,886	3.5	1,497	288,874	290,371	207
Sawmilling, etc.	2	471	3.0	1,822	3.9	22,747	169,162	191,909	359
Other manufacturing	1	623	4.0	2,314	3.7	705	172,746	173,451	277
Total - Manufacturing	6	5,319	34.2	20,223	3.8	47,314	1,475,977	1,523,291	277
Electricity, etc.	4	528	3.4	2,792	5.3	30,506	162,613	193,119	308
Building, etc.	9	3,008	19.3	14,086	4.7	21,180	980,078	1,001,258	326
Transport, etc.	8	1,458	9.4	7,270	5.0	46,143	457,329	503,472	314
Finance and property	-	29	0.2	70	2.4	-	6,677	6,677	230
Commerce	5	1,144	7.4	4,049	3.5	31,740	281,677	313,417	246
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	1	1,100	7.1	5,212	4.7	11,440	274,975	286,415	250
Amusement, etc.	1	664	4.3	2,815	4.2	9,169	156,980	166,149	236
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	28	7,931	51.0	36,295	4.6	150,178	2,320,329	2,470,507	293
GRAND TOTAL : 1970-71	40	15,555	100.0	68,206	4.4	239,306	4,653,136	4,892,442	299
1969-70	36	13,997	100.0	54,087	3.9	266,816	3,617,508	3,884,324	258

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.



## No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1970-71 (continued)

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents		Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal	Pro-portion of total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	1	893	6.4	4,023	4.5	215	286,905	287,120
Mining and quarrying	5	1,374	9.9	7,303	5.3	41,599	552,089	593,688
Total - Primary industry	6	2,267	16.3	11,326	5.0	41,814	838,994	880,808
Manufacturing -								
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	381	2.7	1,504	3.9	-	122,287	122,287
Engineering, etc.	-	1,498	10.8	6,015	4.0	-	491,366	491,366
Ships, vehicles, etc.	2	892	6.4	3,473	3.9	22,365	221,875	244,240
Food, drink, etc.	1	1,141	8.2	3,985	3.5	1,497	249,058	250,555
Sawmilling, etc.	2	454	3.3	1,770	3.9	22,747	167,463	190,210
Other manufacturing	1	511	3.7	1,972	3.9	705	158,782	159,487
Total - Manufacturing	6	4,877	35.0	18,719	3.8	47,314	1,410,831	1,458,145
Electricity, etc.	4	528	3.8	2,792	5.3	30,506	162,613	193,119
Building, etc.	9	3,001	21.6	14,041	4.7	21,180	975,339	996,519
Transport, etc.	8	1,437	10.3	7,177	5.0	46,143	451,192	497,335
Finance and property	-	15	0.1	43	2.9	-	5,380	5,380
Commerce	5	902	6.5	3,149	3.5	31,740	222,332	254,072
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	1	502	3.6	2,196	4.4	11,440	145,522	156,962
Amusement, etc.	1	390	2.8	1,740	4.5	9,169	109,663	118,832
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	28	6,775	48.7	31,140	4.6	150,178	2,072,041	2,222,219
GRAND TOTAL: 1970-71	40	13,919	100.0	61,185	4.4	239,306	4,321,866	4,561,172
1969-70	34	12,598	100.0	48,000	3.8	266,375	3,320,344	3,586,719

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

## No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1970-71 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents			Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	Pro-portion of total						
			per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	-	34	2.1	352	10.4	-	17,466	17,466	514
Mining and quarrying	-	4	0.2	11	2.6	-	370	370	93
Total - Primary industry	-	38	2.3	363	9.5	-	17,836	17,836	469
Manufacturing -									
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	15	0.9	83	5.5	-	2,738	2,738	183
Engineering, etc.	-	38	2.3	113	3.0	-	6,484	6,484	171
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	5	0.3	14	2.8	-	445	445	89
Food, drink, etc.	-	255	15.6	900	3.5	-	39,816	39,816	156
Sawmilling, etc.	-	17	1.0	53	3.1	-	1,699	1,699	100
Other manufacturing	-	112	6.8	341	3.0	-	13,964	13,964	125
Total - Manufacturing	-	442	27.0	1,504	3.4	-	65,146	65,146	147
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building, etc.	-	7	0.4	45	6.4	-	4,739	4,739	677
Transport, etc.	-	21	1.3	93	4.4	-	6,137	6,137	292
Finance and property	-	14	0.9	27	1.9	-	1,297	1,297	93
Commerce	-	242	14.8	900	3.7	-	59,345	59,345	245
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	-	598	36.6	3,016	5.0	-	129,453	129,453	216
Amusement, etc.	-	274	16.7	1,075	3.9	-	47,317	47,317	173
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	-	1,156	70.7	5,155	4.5	-	248,288	248,288	215
GRAND TOTAL: 1970-71	-	1,636	100.0	7,021	4.3	-	331,270	331,270	202
1969-70	2	1,399	100.0	6,087	4.4	441	297,164	297,605	212

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.

## No. 2 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1970-71

## MALES

F. denotes Fatal Accidents; N.F. denotes Non-fatal Accidents.

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Machinery		Vehicles		Electricity, explosions, etc.		Harmful substances		Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.		Striking against, stepping on, etc.		Handling, moving or falling objects		Hand tools		Other and unspecified		Total	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Primary production	-	134	1	82	-	16	-	4	-	149	-	38	-	258	-	65	-	147	1	893
Mining and quarrying	1	140	1	156	1	40	-	16	1	296	-	34	1	513	-	139	-	40	5	1,374
Total - Primary industry	1	274	2	238	1	56	-	20	1	445	-	72	1	771	-	204	-	187	6	2,267
Manufacturing -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	30	-	26	-	5	-	4	-	64	-	13	-	210	-	23	-	6	-	381
Engineering, etc.	-	237	-	31	-	39	-	7	-	224	-	53	-	710	-	160	-	37	-	1,498
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	89	1	42	-	22	-	7	-	161	-	36	1	391	-	119	-	25	2	892
Food, drink, etc.	1	71	-	30	-	50	-	9	-	202	-	57	-	397	-	302	-	23	1	1,141
Sawmilling, etc.	-	92	-	15	-	6	-	-	-	62	-	9	2	223	-	37	-	10	2	454
Other manufacturing	-	126	-	11	1	19	-	5	-	84	-	17	-	201	-	34	-	14	1	511
Total - Manufacturing	1	645	1	155	1	141	-	32	-	797	-	185	3	2,132	-	675	-	115	6	4,877
Electricity, etc.	-	22	-	39	3	11	-	4	-	148	-	21	1	230	-	34	-	19	4	528
Building, etc.	-	193	3	246	-	74	-	18	1	745	-	130	4	1,194	-	335	1	66	9	3,001
Transport, etc.	-	48	6	232	-	12	-	3	-	390	-	50	1	609	-	48	1	45	8	1,437
Finance and property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	15
Commerce	1	48	3	66	-	13	-	5	-	189	-	45	1	391	-	125	-	20	5	902
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	-	17	1	23	-	17	-	3	-	146	-	25	-	189	-	28	-	54	1	502
Amusement, etc.	-	22	-	11	-	13	-	2	-	88	-	15	1	138	-	33	-	68	1	390
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	1	350	13	621	3	140	-	35	1	1,712	-	286	8	2,755	-	603	2	273	28	6,775
GRAND TOTAL, 1970-71: Number	3	1,269	16	1,014	5	337	-	87	2	2,954	-	543	12	5,658	-	1,482	2	575	40	13,919
Per cent		9.1		7.3		2.4		0.6		21.2		3.9		40.7		10.6		4.1		100.0
1969-70: Number	3	1,200	17	1,019	6	319	-	121	1	2,548	-	510	6	5,002	-	1,305	1	574	34	12,598
Per cent		9.5		8.1		2.5		1.0		20.2		4.0		39.7		10.4		4.6		100.0

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 2 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1970-71 (continued)

## FEMALES

F. denotes Fatal Accidents; N.F. denotes Non-fatal Accidents.

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Machinery		Vehicles		Electricity, explosions, etc.		Harmful substances		Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.		Striking against, stepping on, etc.		Handling, moving or falling objects		Hand tools		Other and unspecified		Total	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Primary production	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	1	-	10	-	2	-	7	-	34
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Total-Primary industry	-	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	11	-	1	-	10	-	2	-	8	-	38
Manufacturing -																				
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	15
Engineering, etc.	-	11	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	15	-	4	-	-	-	38
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
Food, drink, etc.	-	21	-	9	-	7	-	4	-	76	-	10	-	97	-	24	-	7	-	255
Sawmilling, etc.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	17
Other manufacturing	-	33	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	19	-	7	-	40	-	4	-	4	-	112
Total - Manufacturing	-	68	-	17	-	8	-	4	-	106	-	24	-	169	-	35	-	11	-	442
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building, etc.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Transport, etc.	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	21
Finance and property	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	14
Commerce	-	14	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	80	-	20	-	99	-	17	-	6	-	242
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	-	12	-	6	-	24	-	3	-	214	-	30	-	245	-	26	-	38	-	598
Amusement, etc.	-	20	-	3	-	32	-	1	-	96	-	14	-	78	-	23	-	7	-	274
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	-	46	-	22	-	59	-	5	-	406	-	69	-	431	-	66	-	52	-	1,156
GRAND TOTAL,																				
1970-71: Number	-	115	-	42	-	69	-	9	-	523	-	94	-	610	-	103	-	71	-	1,636
Per cent		7.0		2.6		4.2		0.6		32.0		5.7		37.3		6.3		4.3		100.0
1969-70: Number	-	116	2	50	-	87	-	7	-	443	-	109	-	456	-	80	-	51	2	1,399
Per cent		8.3		3.6		6.2		0.5		31.7		7.8		32.6		5.7		3.6		100.0

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 3 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND SITE OF INJURY (a), 1970-71

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Head	Eye	Neck	Trunk	Arm	Hand	Leg	Foot	Site unspecified	Miscellaneous	Total
Primary production	38	36	21	181	123	195	210	85	1	3	893
Mining and quarrying	62	61	19	314	161	302	318	118	10	9	1,374
Total - Primary industry	100	97	40	495	284	497	528	203	11	12	2,267
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	10	17	1	103	49	94	56	48	1	2	381
Engineering, etc.	45	107	28	366	129	407	213	197	3	3	1,498
Ships, vehicles, etc.	28	70	22	216	90	235	143	82	3	3	892
Food, drink, etc.	26	14	9	219	168	474	148	77	-	6	1,141
Sawmilling, etc.	10	14	3	93	34	156	90	54	-	-	454
Other manufacturing	18	14	8	126	65	174	70	33	1	2	511
Total - Manufacturing	137	236	71	1,123	535	1,540	720	491	8	16	4,877
Electricity, etc.	20	15	10	172	60	95	97	49	5	5	528
Building, etc.	116	106	49	786	303	635	637	340	15	14	3,001
Transport, etc.	57	35	47	414	173	214	311	165	12	9	1,437
Finance and property	3	-	-	3	4	2	1	2	-	-	15
Commerce	34	14	26	240	107	234	144	95	6	2	902
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	21	13	15	145	65	83	113	38	3	6	502
Amusement, etc.	17	6	12	115	42	74	86	31	3	4	390
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	268	189	159	1,875	754	1,337	1,389	720	44	40	6,775
GRAND TOTAL,											
1970-71: Number	505	522	270	3,493	1,573	3,374	2,637	1,414	63	68	13,919
Per cent	3.6	3.8	1.9	25.1	11.3	24.2	18.9	10.2	0.5	0.5	100.0
1969-70: Number	410	428	247	3,256	1,464	3,133	2,313	1,258	31	58	12,598
Per cent	3.3	3.4	2.0	25.8	11.6	24.9	18.4	10.0	0.2	0.5	100.0

(a) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 3 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND SITE OF INJURY (a), 1970-71 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Head	Eye	Neck	Trunk	Arm	Hand	Leg	Foot	Site unspeci- fied	Mis- cell- aneous	Total
Primary production	2	-	-	5	10	7	7	1	2	-	34
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	4
Total - Primary industry	2	-	-	6	11	8	7	1	2	1	38
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	-	-	3	2	3	4	3	-	-	15
Engineering, etc.	-	-	-	4	10	17	6	1	-	-	38
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	5
Food, drink, etc.	9	3	6	50	33	75	55	22	-	2	255
Sawmilling, etc.	-	-	-	6	3	3	2	3	-	-	17
Other manufacturing	2	-	-	19	19	42	18	9	2	1	112
Total - Manufacturing	11	3	6	84	67	140	86	40	2	3	442
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building, etc.	1	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	7
Transport, etc.	2	-	2	3	3	3	4	3	-	1	21
Finance and property	2	-	1	4	-	2	4	1	-	-	14
Commerce	9	1	6	66	37	51	43	28	1	-	242
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	19	1	20	232	87	77	125	32	1	4	598
Amusement, etc.	10	1	13	42	40	81	61	23	-	3	274
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	43	3	43	350	167	214	238	87	3	8	1,156
GRAND TOTAL,											
1970-71: Number	56	6	49	440	245	362	331	128	7	12	1,636
Per cent	3.4	0.4	3.0	26.9	15.0	22.1	20.2	7.8	0.4	0.7	100.0
1969-70: Number	47	12	42	348	208	355	278	105	1	3	1,399
Per cent	3.4	0.9	3.0	24.9	14.9	25.4	19.9	7.5	0.1	0.2	100.0

(a) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 4 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND NATURE OF INJURY, 1970-71

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Con- tusion, bruising, and superficial	Lacera- tions	Foreign bodies	Burns and scalds	Frac- tures	Dis- loca- tions	Sprains, strains, hernias	Am- puta- tions	Con- cus- sion	Other	Total
Primary production	143	268	17	27	100	13	265	14	13	33	893
Mining and quarrying	275	331	44	62	171	10	413	14	15	39	1,374
Total - Primary industry	418	599	61	89	271	23	678	28	28	72	2,267
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	70	99	12	8	43	1	135	2	1	10	381
Engineering, etc.	211	436	69	90	126	15	503	19	6	23	1,498
Ships, vehicles, etc.	135	234	54	56	69	13	304	8	4	15	892
Food, drink, etc.	169	506	5	53	44	5	329	6	5	19	1,141
Sawmilling, etc.	86	166	12	9	38	2	122	16	1	2	454
Other manufacturing	73	170	7	25	33	5	179	6	6	7	511
Total - Manufacturing	744	1,611	159	241	353	41	1,572	57	23	76	4,877
Electricity, etc.	105	106	9	13	32	5	236	1	7	14	528
Building, etc.	541	755	58	116	320	30	1,083	14	19	65	3,001
Transport, etc.	310	242	23	26	146	20	598	6	22	44	1,437
Finance and property	2	4	-	-	2	1	4	-	1	1	15
Commerce	128	289	7	21	75	13	336	1	11	21	902
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	69	91	6	21	39	11	239	1	5	20	502
Amusement, etc.	63	82	4	17	53	7	147	1	4	12	390
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	1,218	1,569	107	214	667	87	2,643	24	69	177	6,775
GRAND TOTAL,											
1970-71: Number	2,380	3,779	327	544	1,291	151	4,893	109	120	325	13,919
Per cent	17.1	27.1	2.3	3.9	9.3	1.1	35.2	0.8	0.9	2.3	100.0
1969-70: Number	2,047	3,352	234	502	1,308	132	4,458	111	105	349	12,598
Per cent	16.2	26.6	1.9	4.0	10.4	1.0	35.4	0.9	0.8	2.8	100.0

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.



## No. 4 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND NATURE OF INJURY, 1970-71 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Con- tusion, bruising, and super- ficial	Lac- era- tions	For- eign bod- ies	Burns and scalds	Frac- tures	Dis- loca- tions	Sprains, strains, hernias	Amputa- tions	Concus- sion	Other	Total
Primary production	3	6	-	1	7	-	12	1	-	4	34
Mining and quarrying	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Total - Primary industry	4	6	-	2	8	-	12	1	-	5	38
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	4	5	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	15
Engineering, etc.	6	14	-	2	1	-	13	1	-	1	38
Ships, vehicles, etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5
Food, drink, etc.	58	63	2	9	12	1	104	1	3	2	255
Sawmilling, etc.	3	2	-	-	1	-	10	-	-	1	17
Other manufacturing	23	39	-	1	5	2	39	2	-	1	112
Total - Manufacturing	97	123	2	12	19	3	174	4	3	5	442
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building, etc.	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	7
Transport, etc.	5	1	-	-	4	-	8	-	-	3	21
Finance and property	6	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Commerce	45	62	-	3	12	2	109	-	4	5	242
Public authority											
(n.e.i.), etc.	137	57	-	27	34	8	320	-	5	10	598
Amusement, etc.	49	75	1	29	33	4	69	-	4	10	274
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	246	198	1	59	84	14	513	-	13	28	1,156
GRAND TOTAL,											
1970-71: Number	347	327	3	73	111	17	699	5	16	38	1,636
Per cent	21.2	20.0	0.2	4.5	6.8	1.0	42.7	0.3	1.0	2.3	100.0
1969-70: Number	245	318	5	95	115	15	548	1	15	42	1,399
Per cent	17.5	22.7	0.4	6.8	8.2	1.1	39.2	0.1	1.1	3.0	100.0

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

## No. 5 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: SITE OF INJURY AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1970-71

Site of injury (b)	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stum- bling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total acci- dents	Average time lost (weeks)
MALES											
Head	34	113	28	4	106	35	110	30	45	505	4.9
Eye	80	16	7	27	10	6	74	171	131	522	3.2
Neck	9	46	8	-	65	12	107	10	13	270	7.1
Trunk	88	185	21	3	750	21	2,227	123	75	3,493	5.3
Arm	127	129	45	5	412	95	556	146	58	1,573	4.6
Hand	773	158	75	9	166	67	1,273	774	79	3,374	3.0
Leg	86	241	69	8	1,255	167	567	131	113	2,637	4.7
Foot	70	105	68	6	175	140	732	93	25	1,414	3.6
Site unspecified	2	20	5	-	14	-	12	4	6	63	22.2
Miscellaneous reactions	-	1	11	25	1	-	-	-	30	68	3.5
Total	1,269	1,014	337	87	2,954	543	5,658	1,482	575	13,919	-
Average time lost	4.1	6.3	3.8	2.0	4.9	2.8	4.5	2.9	3.7	-	4.4
FEMALES											
Head	-	9	2	-	25	5	8	-	7	56	3.6
Eye	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	6	3.7
Neck	1	7	-	-	22	-	15	1	3	49	3.9
Trunk	2	1	4	-	128	10	278	6	11	440	5.2
Arm	12	7	15	1	96	9	86	8	11	245	4.7
Hand	92	3	22	4	19	14	115	77	16	362	2.9
Leg	6	9	17	-	207	38	41	4	9	331	4.8
Foot	1	3	7	1	22	18	66	6	4	128	3.0
Site unspecified	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	7	17.1
Miscellaneous reactions	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	7	12	1.2
Total	115	42	69	9	523	94	610	103	71	1,636	-
Average time lost	3.5	6.6	2.4	1.8	4.8	3.2	4.6	3.1	3.5	-	4.3

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3.

## No. 6 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: NATURE OF INJURY AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1970-71

Nature of injury	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stum- bling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total acci- dents	Average time lost (weeks)
MALES											
Contusion (b)	138	219	2	2	638	231	876	168	106	2,380	2.2
Lacerations	719	237	20	-	289	223	1,354	839	98	3,779	3.1
Foreign bodies	70	5	-	6	-	-	23	106	117	327	1.9
Burns and scalds	33	32	300	53	11	1	4	93	17	544	2.9
Fractures	125	180	-	-	336	20	483	80	67	1,291	8.2
Dislocations	8	7	-	-	59	-	62	5	10	151	7.9
Sprains (c)	94	229	-	-	1,528	54	2,728	170	90	4,893	4.8
Amputations	64	9	1	-	1	-	27	5	2	109	7.4
Concussion	3	35	-	-	35	6	28	3	10	120	4.9
Enucleation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal injury	4	11	-	-	9	-	9	1	5	39	17.4
Nerve injury	1	4	-	-	7	-	6	2	1	21	10.8
Other (d)	10	46	14	26	41	8	58	10	52	265	17.9
Total	1,269	1,014	337	87	2,954	543	5,658	1,482	575	13,919	4.4
FEMALES											
Contusion (b)	13	13	-	-	156	43	94	7	21	347	2.5
Lacerations	77	6	3	-	23	22	99	79	18	327	2.7
Foreign bodies	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	3.0
Burns and scalds	1	-	64	5	1	-	-	2	-	73	2.0
Fractures	5	7	-	-	69	7	18	3	2	111	8.1
Dislocations	-	1	-	-	7	2	5	-	2	17	6.1
Sprains (c)	14	9	-	-	249	16	383	11	17	699	5.0
Amputations	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	11.9
Concussion	-	3	-	-	8	-	3	-	2	16	4.1
Enucleation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nerve injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	7.7
Other (d)	-	3	2	3	10	4	6	-	8	36	13.8
Total	115	42	69	9	523	94	610	103	71	1,636	4.3

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) Includes bruising and superficial injury. (c) Includes strains and hernias. (d) Includes 'unspecified'.

## No. 7 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: AGE GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1970-71

Age group (years)	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total
MALES										
Under 20	206	107	56	17	300	74	612	302	82	1,756
20 - 29	372	319	105	22	726	145	1,453	516	165	3,823
30 - 39	238	206	71	21	521	86	1,123	257	123	2,646
40 - 49	224	191	58	14	633	94	1,192	205	102	2,713
50 - 59	158	124	33	9	506	99	867	143	65	2,004
60 and over	53	58	9	3	229	39	335	45	27	798
Age not stated	18	9	5	1	39	6	76	14	11	179
Total	1,269	1,014	337	87	2,954	543	5,658	1,482	575	13,919
FEMALES										
Under 20	18	12	11	1	69	11	77	12	12	223
20 - 29	27	15	6	2	86	16	152	30	13	347
30 - 39	28	5	18	4	84	22	149	22	14	346
40 - 49	30	5	24	1	146	30	149	25	20	430
50 - 59	7	3	9	-	103	14	68	13	12	229
60 and over	1	2	-	-	27	1	5	1	-	37
Age not stated	4	-	1	1	8	-	10	-	-	24
Total	115	42	69	9	523	94	610	103	71	1,636

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19.

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1970-71

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Machinery</u>						
Engines and prime movers	-	27	77.4	-	-	-
Pumps (including windmills)	-	11	51.4	-	-	-
Ropes, belts, pulleys, etc.	-	95	324.4	-	3	28.6
Shafting	-	7	30.2	-	-	-
Gears	-	3	5.0	-	-	-
Hoists, cranes, winches, etc.	-	77	514.0	-	-	-
Portable lifting appliances	-	64	247.2	-	1	1.8
Lifts	2	11	55.0	-	4	12.6
Conveyors	-	55	305.2	-	4	13.2
Abrasive, polishing, etc.	-	100	305.0	-	-	-
Agitators and mixers	-	20	102.6	-	2	5.8
Casting, forging, welding	-	47	132.2	-	3	7.6
Crushers, grinding mills, etc.	1	5	17.8	-	1	1.0
Drilling, boring, turning (metal)	-	74	233.6	-	3	4.8
" " " (other)	-	76	354.0	-	2	7.4
Milling machines (metal)	-	2	14.8	-	2	4.2
Planers and shapers (wood)	-	34	141.6	-	-	-
" " (other)	-	17	42.4	-	-	-
Packing and wrapping	-	11	35.6	-	6	45.0
Opening, picking, combing, carding	-	1	7.4	-	-	-
Presses and punches (metal)	-	23	93.6	-	7	35.6
" printing	-	9	24.2	-	-	(a) 5.6
" other	-	20	124.8	-	8	32.2
Rolls (printing, metal, gluing, etc.)	-	32	134.2	-	-	-
Saws (wood)	-	139	718.8	-	1	1.8
" (metal)	-	16	52.6	-	-	-
" (other)	-	17	58.4	-	3	4.8
Screening and separating	-	1	7.0	-	-	-
Sewing and stitching	-	2	2.8	-	11	21.0
Shears (metal)	-	28	65.8	-	-	-
" (paper)	-	4	12.6	-	-	-
" (other - except food and sheep shears)	-	9	38.6	-	1	7.2
Rotary cutters (except food)	-	8	16.0	-	4	11.6
Cutters, food	-	27	102.4	-	26	78.0
Spinning, weaving, knitting	-	3	5.4	-	3	5.8
Centrifuges	-	10	31.4	-	6	17.6
Other industrial machines (fixed)	-	60	218.0	-	12	39.6
Milking, shearing, cream separators	-	46	119.4	-	-	-
Farm implements (not tractors)	-	39	168.4	-	-	-
Other farm equipment (fixed)	-	9	78.0	-	1	2.0
Other machinery	-	30	116.6	-	1	5.0
Total	3	1,269	5,185.8	-	115	399.8
<u>Vehicles</u>						
Motor vehicles	6	456	2,778.0	-	35	240.8
Railway locomotives, trucks and cars	4	132	702.0	-	-	-
Mine, quarry and other vehicles on rails	1	62	406.2	-	-	-
Bicycles	-	13	80.8	-	-	-

(a) Re-opened claim.

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1970-71 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Vehicles (continued)</u>						
Aircraft	2	6	26.4	-	3	5.2
Water transport	-	13	89.4	-	-	-
Animal-drawn vehicles	-	1	2.0	-	-	-
Mobile machinery -						
Mobile cranes and hoists	-	44	294.8	-	2	13.4
Fork-lift trucks	-	76	518.8	-	-	-
Tractors	2	42	430.8	-	-	-
Bulldozers, mechanical shovels, rollers, etc.	1	144	895.6	-	-	-
Other mobile machinery	-	21	125.2	-	1	8.0
Other vehicles	-	4	11.4	-	1	8.2
Total	16	1,014	6,361.4	-	42	275.6
<u>Electricity, explosions, flames, hot substances</u>						
Electricity -						
Cables and flexibles, portable machines, etc.	-	6	21.4	-	1	1.0
Switch and fuse gear	-	15	55.0	-	-	-
Electric supply wiring	4	15	208.6	-	-	-
Other electricity	-	7	12.0	-	1	1.4
Explosions -						
Blasting (mines and quarries)	-	7	66.6	-	-	-
Boilers and pressure vessels	-	1	1.6	-	-	-
Gas (household and industrial)	-	3	8.4	-	3	4.6
Other explosions (including weapons)	-	23	72.0	-	3	39.2
Flames and hot substances or objects	1	260	842.4	-	61	122.4
Total	5	337	1,288.0	-	69	168.6
<u>Harmful substances</u>						
Solids, powders	-	19	45.4	-	3	4.4
Gas and aerosols	-	13	21.2	-	2	2.2
Liquids	-	55	104.0	-	4	9.2
Total	-	87	170.6	-	9	15.8
<u>Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.</u>						
Falling from -						
Ladders	-	183	1,120.8	-	10	66.6
Poles	-	8	99.8	-	-	-
Roofs	-	53	244.0	-	-	-
Scaffolding	1	113	730.6	-	-	-
Stairs or steps	-	177	772.0	-	102	464.8
Top or tray of vehicles	-	164	852.0	-	-	-
Other elevation	-	225	1,430.0	-	23	176.4
Falling into excavations	1	86	767.4	-	5	16.0
Jumping or stepping down	-	331	1,496.2	-	13	69.2
On same level -						
Slipping	-	865	3,508.8	-	225	947.8
Stumbling	-	242	1,171.0	-	44	199.4
Other and unspecified	-	507	2,379.6	-	101	544.6
Total	2	2,954	14,572.2	-	523	2,484.8

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1970-71 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Striking against, stepping on, etc.</u>						
Stepping on sharp objects	-	100	192.4	-	5	15.2
Striking against fixed or stationary objects	-	443	1,304.0	-	89	289.4
Total	-	543	1,496.4	-	94	304.6
<u>Handling, moving or falling objects</u>						
Strain in handling	1	2,493	12,079.4	-	363	2,033.0
Over-exertion	1	94	1,415.4	-	8	17.0
Struck by -						
Trees, limbs, logs	2	71	451.4	-	-	-
Poles	1	11	56.6	-	-	-
Other timber	1	271	862.2	-	5	41.6
Drums and barrels	-	104	372.2	-	4	14.2
Boxes, crates, cartons	-	129	794.0	-	10	42.8
Bricks and tiles	-	64	205.0	-	2	6.4
Earth, rock, sand	1	179	1,110.4	-	1	1.2
Hand trucks, barrows, etc.	-	55	468.2	-	18	94.4
Other objects	5	1,687	6,581.2	-	118	358.6
Handling sharp objects -						
Metal	-	191	382.8	-	17	47.4
Glass	-	64	214.4	-	29	54.2
Other sharp objects	-	73	125.2	-	21	38.0
Other	-	172	501.2	-	14	49.6
Total	12	5,658	25,619.6	-	610	2,798.4
<u>Hand tools</u>						
Hand operated -						
Axes, hatchets	-	49	158.4	-	2	13.0
Blow torches	-	-	-	-	-	-
Can openers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleavers, choppers	-	11	41.4	-	1	1.2
Chisels	-	23	52.4	-	-	-
Crowbars, pinchbars	-	96	560.4	-	1	1.6
Files	-	2	9.4	-	-	-
Hammers, mallets	-	185	466.2	-	1	1.0
Hooks	-	27	107.2	-	1	1.8
Knives	-	428	869.4	-	66	164.4
Needles	-	2	3.8	-	2	2.2
Pens and pencils	-	-	-	-	-	-
Picks, pickaxes, hoes	-	17	90.2	-	-	-
Pliers, pincers, tongs	-	15	70.6	-	-	-
Saws	-	43	100.8	-	1	1.4
Scissors and shears	-	2	3.2	-	3	20.2
Screwdrivers	-	7	15.8	-	-	-
Shovels and spades	-	65	134.8	-	-	-
Spanners, wrenches	-	69	236.4	-	-	-
Other	-	54	115.2	-	12	34.0



TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1970-71 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Hand tools (continued)</u>						
Power operated -						
Abrasive, sanding, polishing, etc.	-	58	154.6	-	2	5.8
Chisels	-	1	6.4	-	-	-
Drills, jack-hammers, etc.	-	135	692.4	-	1	3.8
Knives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riveters	-	3	5.8	-	1	2.6
Saws	-	51	181.0	-	-	-
Screwdrivers	-	2	7.0	-	-	-
Soldering irons	-	1	1.4	-	-	-
Explosive-powered fasteners	-	9	35.2	-	-	-
Electric welders	-	64	102.6	-	1	1.0
Oxy torches	-	49	98.6	-	1	1.4
Other	-	14	25.4	-	7	68.4
Total	-	1,482	4,346.0	-	103	323.8
<u>Miscellaneous</u>						
Animals and insects	-	214	966.2	-	14	74.6
Physical causes -						
Cold	-	-	(a) 0.4	-	1	1.2
Compressed air	-	1	1.2	-	-	-
Exposure (to rain, wind, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heat (furnaces, weather, etc.)	-	4	11.8	-	1	1.4
Immersion	-	1	12.2	-	-	-
Radiation (not burns from)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vibration	-	2	2.8	-	-	-
Other physical causes	-	30	103.4	-	2	4.2
Pressure vessels	1	31	116.8	-	-	-
Other -						
Doors, windows, gates, etc.	-	84	268.8	-	34	118.2
Flying particles	-	121	243.0	-	1	6.8
Other and unspecified	1	87	418.4	-	18	43.6
Total	2	575	2,145.0	-	71	250.0
GRAND TOTAL	40	13,919	61,185.0	-	1,636	7,021.4

(a) Re-opened claim.

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No. 9 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: DURATION OF TIME LOST, 1970-71

Time lost	Males		Females		Persons	
	Number	Time lost weeks	Number	Time lost weeks	Number	Time lost weeks
1 week but under 2 weeks	7,072	9,001	862	1,089	7,934	10,091
2 weeks but under 4 weeks	3,603	9,449	414	1,073	4,017	10,521
4 weeks but under 6 weeks	1,207	5,710	134	640	1,341	6,350
6 weeks but under 8 weeks	683	4,595	65	435	748	5,030
8 weeks but under 13 weeks	700	6,973	66	643	766	7,617
13 weeks but under 26 weeks	403	7,096	64	1,155	467	8,252
26 weeks but under 52 weeks	160	5,597	24	889	184	6,486
52 weeks but under 104 weeks	61	4,466	4	327	65	4,793
104 weeks but under 156 weeks	21	2,557	3	373	24	2,930
156 weeks and more	9	2,094	-	-	9	2,094
Reopened claims (a)	-	3,646	-	397	-	4,044
Total	13,919	61,185	1,636	7,021	15,555	68,206

(a) Additional time lost which cannot be allocated to appropriate groups. The number of reopened claims reported was 2,464.